

# Volunteer NJ!



September 2024

## Introducing NJ's Climate Corps!



in celebration of Climate Week, the White House is announcing that more than 15,000 young Americans have been put to work in high-quality, good-paying clean energy and climate resilience workforce training and service opportunities through the American Climate Corps – putting the program on track to reach President Biden's goal of 20,000 members in the program's first year ahead of schedule.



To date, 14 states have launched their own state-based climate corps programs, including **New Jersey, who just this week announced the creation of the New Jersey Climate Corps.**

NJ AmeriCorps is announcing a comprehensive approach toward climate and environmental stewardship in the nation's most densely populated state. Our five programs represent conservation initiatives throughout the state, in urban, suburban, and rural areas. We are specifically addressing city beautification, food rescue, watershed protection, arborist training, energy efficiency, and community and student education. As part of the national AmeriCorps development of climate response and resiliency, our AmeriCorps members will have access to special training and career development opportunities. Programs will also be encouraged to post their recruitment information on the national Climate Corps portal.

**Read the White House Press Release  
Learn more about the NJ Climate Corps**

# Announcing the Dr MLK Day Mini-Grant



## NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

New Jersey Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission: 2025 MLK Holiday Commemorative Mini Grant

The New Jersey Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission is offering mini-grants to support commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his work & legacy, on or around the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on January 20, 2025.



The Commission will award mini-grants to community organizations and programs to highlight and commemorate Dr. King on or around the 2025 MLK Holiday. Funding based on the reach of the program; grants up to \$1000 for local programs; \$2500 for regional programs; and up to \$5000 for statewide programs.

**\*\*APPLICATION DEADLINE: 9:00 AM on October 21, 2024\*\***

## Notification of Funding Opportunity Budget Form



## United Way of Passaic County -- Backpacks 4 Kids

Each year, the United Way of Passaic County (a NJ Volunteer Generation Fund Grantee) proudly organizes the Backpacks 4 Kids drive, bringing together corporations, faith-based organizations, and individual donors to provide hundreds of backpacks for children in our community. This initiative ensures that students start their school year equipped for success. UWPC is thankful to St. Paul's Community Development Corporation for hosting the drop-off site and for their invaluable AmeriCorps volunteers. This effort is a shining example of how we can harness the caring power of our community and live united so that all can rise!

**NJ Volunteer Opportunities**

Baby's Best Start


**Openings at  
AmeriCorps NJ  
New Jersey**





Inclusive Play Series Volunteers

Prepare and Serve Halloween  
Lunch



Kids Helping Kids - Duffle Bag Drive

Diaper Drive



Haunted Forest Event Volunteer

Native Plant Big Dig



Garden of Hope Fall Clean-Up  
Fridays



Halloween Costume Drive



Social Media Content Creator



Cost of Poverty Experience -RCBC




Grant Writing Support



Board Members Wanted



Keyboard Player



Looking for a specific volunteer  
opportunity?



Visit our Volunteer Hub

Community  
Development Corp  
(NJCDC)



The AmeriCorps member will assist with the organizing and implementing of volunteer programs, engage in community service projects and initiatives, collaborate with local organizations to address community needs, participate in training and professional development opportunities, provide support and assistance to individuals and families in need, and document/report on project activities and outcomes.

**More Information**

**Full List of NJ  
AmeriCorps Programs**

## **2024 NJ State Governor's Volunteerism Awards**

Honoring the Best of NJ's Volunteers

On June 9th, the 2024 NJ State Governor's Volunteer Awards Recipients were announced. This year's class of volunteers includes over 180 award recipients including 25 medalists and 155 certificate honorees.

Certificates were distributed over the summer for our 2024 honorees.

**Nominations are now open for the 2025 Awards!**

For more information, email Heather Tedesco Pasquale  
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## How New Jersey is Leading the Way to Address Student Mental Health

### First-in-the-Nation Statewide Partnership

Data as of February 12, 2024

New Jersey was the first state in the nation to launch a statewide teletherapy platform designed to offer students access to digital mental health and wellness support.

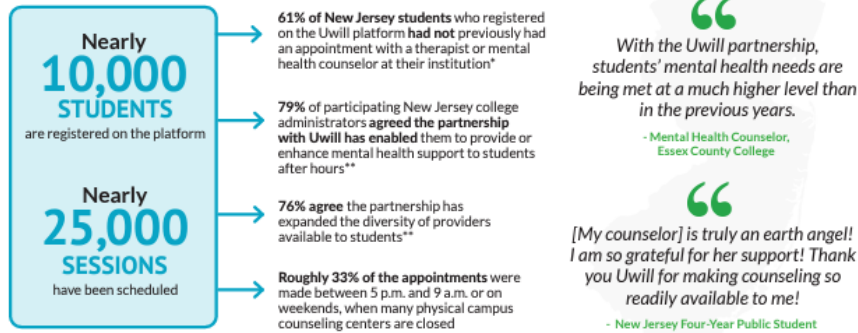
The partnership provides more than 500,000 students at 44 public and private institutions with 24/7/365 access to free mental health supports, including:

Immediate appointment with a licensed therapist based on student preferences

Direct crisis connection

On-demand wellness - yoga, meditation, mindfulness & more

### Bridging the Gap: 24/7/365 Access to Mental Health Support for New Jersey Students



### Counselor Community: Access for New Jersey Students

Uwill counselors undergo DE&I training, demonstrate cultural competency, and follow strict FERPA and HIPAA compliance.



More than 50% of NJ students seek support from a BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and people of color) therapist. Approximately 10% of NJ students seek support in languages other than English.

\*Uwill Student Survey, October 2023. \*\* Uwill Administrator Survey, November 2023

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